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Corps of Engineers hosts trail building school at Canyon Lake

FORT WORTH, TX -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake and the International Mountain Bicycling Association will host a 2-day trail building school on Feb. 22-23. The trail building school is open to the public and participation by land managers and trail users is especially encouraged. Cost is \$10, which includes 2 days of instruction, IMBA's trail building guide "Building Better Trails", and lunch on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The school will take place at Canyon Lake, which is expanding its natural surface trails available to hikers, bikers, trail runners and horses, and will cover the basics of natural surface trail design. Topics include designing sustainable trails, controlling water flow, building effective trail structures and routine trail maintenance. On Saturday, there is a classroom session from 9:00 a.m. until noon, followed with assessment from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, is hands-on trail design and building, tool usage and safety.

To register, send a \$10 check, made payable to Single Track Press, to James Buratti, 1909 Uhland Rd, San Marcos, TX 78666.

For more information, call Travis Motal, Canyon Lake Park Ranger, at 830-964-3341, or e-mail him at Travis.J.Motal@swf02.usace.army.mil or James Buratti, Camino Real Bicycle Club, 512-396-9351, mbo@single-track.com.

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Trail Building School 2-2-2

The trail building school is part of a new Memorandum of Understanding signed between the IMBA and the Corps of Engineers in 2002. IMBA creates, enhances and preserves trail opportunities for mountain bikers worldwide. Since 1988, IMBA has been bringing out the best in mountain biking by encouraging low-impact riding, volunteer trail work participation, cooperation among different trail user groups and innovative trail management solutions.

IMBA's worldwide network includes 32,000 individual members, more than 450 bicycle clubs, more than 100 corporate partners and an equal number of bicycle retailer members. IMBA's members live in all 50 states, most Canadian provinces and in 30 other countries.

For the last seven years, the Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crews have traveled the world, sharing their trail building expertise with thousands of volunteers, land managers and trail advocates. As a direct result, there are now newer, longer and more environmentally sustainable trails in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and several European countries.

Can't make this date? The Trail School will be offered again the following weekend, March 1-2 in Georgetown, Texas. Contact Dewayne Buratti, dburatti@austin.rr.com, for information on that visit.

For information on The Trail Care Crew, visit IMBA's website at <http://www.imba.com/tcc>.